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SUBJECT: SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE: MAY 12 SPC REVIEW OF
PRELIMINARY DRAFT

REFS: (A) STATE 115266, (B) USNATO 4677, (C) STATE
121024 (NOTAL), (D) USNATO 4670

SUMMARY: MAY 12 PRELIMINARY COMMUNIQUE DRAFTING SESSION
WENT REASONABLY WELL, ALTHOUGH WE CAUTION THAT MOST OTHER
REPS WERE SPEAKING ON A PERSONAL BASIS AND MAY COME IN
WITH SUBSTANTIAL FURTHER SUGGESTIONS FROM CAPITALS. WE
PRESSED HARD FOR REINCORPORATION OF ELEMENTS OF THE
WASHINGTON DRAFT LANGUAGE (REF A) THAT WERE NOT INCLUDED
IN THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF (IS) DRAFT (REF B). IN GENERAL,
OUR LANGUAGE WAS RECEIVED IN A POSITIVE SPIRIT. WE RE-
SERVED ON A REORDERING OF THE COMMUNIQUE PROPOSED BY FRG
REP, BUT BELIEVE SPC DRAFTERS AGREE WITH WASHINGTON THAT
SOME REORDERING IS NEEDED. TREATMENT OF LONG TERM DEFENSE
PROGRAM WAS FLAGGED AS AN OBVIOUS ISSUE, WITH SEVERAL REPS
URGING THAT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THE THREE SUMMIT
INITIATIVES BE AVOIDED. THE IS PLANS TO PRODUCE A REVISED
DRAFT BY NOON ON TUESDAY, MAY 16. WE WILL FORWARD IT
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SOONEST FOLLOWING RECEIPT ACCOMPANIED BY SPECIFIC
COMMENTS. NEXT DRAFTING SESSION IS SCHEDULED
FOR FRIDAY MAY 19 FOLLOWING THE DPC MINISTERIAL.

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1. DURING PRELIMINARY DRAFTING SESSION WE DROVE TO RE-
INTRODUCE ELEMENTS OF THE WASHINGTON PROPOSED VERSION
OF THE COMMUNIQUE THAT WERE DROPPED OR DISTORTED IN THE

IS PRELIMINARY DRAFT. WE CIRCULATED PARAS 6, 10 AND 11 OF THE WASHINGTON DRAFT AND URGED INCLUSION OF MOST REMAINING PARTS NOTED IN GUIDANCE TRANSMITTED REF C, INCLUDING THE REFERENCE TO CCMS. INITIAL UNINSTRUCTED REACTION WAS GENERALLY POSITIVE TO US EFFORT TO CREATE A COMMUNIQUE WITH MORE ELAN.

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2. FRG REP, WHO APPLAUDED IS DRAFT TEXT, INTRODUCED SUGGESTED REORDERING WHICH CHAIRMAN QUICKLY MADE CLEAR SHE INTENDED TO FOLLOW WHEN REDRAFTING. WE RESERVED ON REORDERING BUT CAN SEE LOGIC IN THE FRG APPROACH WHICH ATTEMPTS TO PARALLEL AND HIGHLIGHT THE LONDON INITIATIVES. IT DOES PLACE THE LTDP AT THE END OF THE COMMUNIQUE BUT IF WE ARE "ULTIMATELY" PREPARED TO FOREGO A LTDP REFERENCE (PARA 6, REF C), WE SHOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM IN SEEING IT AT THE END OF THE COMMUNIQUE IN ORDER TO MEET FRENCH/TURKISH CONCERNS. THE GENERAL ORDER WOULD THEN BE: INTRODUCTORY MATERIAL, EAST-WEST RELATED MATTERS; TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUE AND THE LTDP. WE AND OTHER RECOGNIZES THAT THE SENTENCE ON THE DATE AND PLACE OF THE NEXT MEETING SHOULD BE THE FINAL LINE IN THE COMMUNIQUE AFTER LTDP AND THAT THE FRENCH MIGHT WELL SEEK TO PUSH THE TRADITIONAL CLOSING ITEM UP TO THE FIRST PORTION.

3. REGARDING THE LTDP, TURKISH REP PROPOSED THAT LONDON
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INITIATIVES BE REFERRED TO BUT NOT SPECIFICALLY LISTED (PARAS 2C, REF B). GREEK AND FRENCH REPS AGREED. FRENCH REP URGED "COMPROMISE" (REF D) WHEREBY LTDP WOULD BE COVERED IN A SECOND SECTION OF THE COMMUNIQUE DRAFTED AFTER THE DPC MINISTERIAL AND, WHEREBY IMPLICITLY, THERE WOULD BE NO REFERENCE TO IT IN THE FIRST. DUTCH AND US REPS OPPOSED DROPPING EARLY REFERENCES TO THE LTDP. DCM ARGUED THAT FAILURE TO REFER SPECIFICALLY TO THE LONDON INITIATIVES WOULD DO A GREAT DISSERVICE TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE ALLIANCE. A REFERENCE IS NEEDED NEAR THE BEGINNING OF THE COMMUNIQUE TO HIGHLIGHT MAJOR NATO UNDERTAKING OVER THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS. WE WISH TO RETURN TO THIS ISSUE. CHAIRMAN SAID SHE WOULD RETAIN REFERENCE TO THE LTDP IN THE NEXT DRAFT AND TRUSTED ALL REPS WOULD NOTE THE RESERVATIONS AND PROPOSED COMPROMISE.

4. GREEK REP RESERVED ON THE LANGUAGE ON GREECE-TURKEY AND ON THE TURKISH ARMS EMBARGO. WE DID NOT PRESS FOR REVISED LANGUAGE PER PARA 5 REF C SINCE WE THINK IT BEST, AS IN THE PAST TO STAND BACK INITIALLY FROM THE

TRADITIONAL GREEK-TURKISH WRANGLE OVER THIS COMMUNIQUE
ISSUE AND TO PROPOSE REVISED LANGUAGE AS A COMPROMISE
CLOSER TO THE CRUNCH.

5. FRENCH REP MADE CLEAR HE DOES NOT EXPECT HIS
AUTHORITIES WILL ACCEPT THE REFERENCE WE PROPOSED
(PARA 10, REF A) TO NON PROLIFERATION ("THE ALLIES
AGREED THAT THE FURTHER PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS COULD JEOPARDIZE INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND
PLEDGED THEIR STRONG SUPPORT FOR INTERNATIONAL

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MEASURES TO HELP AVERT THIS DANGER").

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6. MOST COMMENTS DURING THE INITIAL REVIEW WERE
AIMED AT TEXTUAL REFINEMENT AND WERE GENERALLY
PREDICTABLE AND UNINSPIRING. DANISH REP, SECONDED
BY CANADIAN, URGED BROADER FOCUS ON SSOD.
NORWEGIAN REP CALLED FOR A REFERENCE TO THE PROBLEM
OF UNEMPLOYMENT IN PARA 2 J OF THE DRAFT TRANSMITTED
REF B. DUTCH REP, WITH REFERENCE TO THEIR
SCHEDULED HOSTING OF SPRING 1979 NAC-MINISTERIAL
IN YEAR OF NATO'S 30TH ANNIVERSARY ASKED THAT 1978
NAC SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE AVOID STEALING DUTCH THUNDER
BY MAKING REFERENCE TO NATO'S SPAN OF LIFE.

7. IS CHAIRMAN HOPES TO CIRCULATE REVISED DRAFT ON THE
MORNING OF TUESDAY MAY 16 (MONDAY IS A NATO HOLIDAY).
WE WILL TRANSMIT IT ALONG WITH OUR COMMENTS ON
THE 16TH AND WOULD APPRECIATE WASHINGTON GUIDANCE
IN TIME FOR THE NEXT SPC DRAFTING SESSION ON MAY 19.

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